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We have already stated that the corner stone of the Monument to the Mother of Washington was laid at an address delivered on the occasion by the Chairman of the Monumental Committee to the President of the U States, and the reply of the latter thereto:

ADDRESS of the Chairman of the Monumental Committee to the President of the United the Monument to the Mother of Washington.

of a Monument to the Mother of Washington as he the most remarkable traits of his character. who occupies that exalted station first filled by the what he aims at, and too often stumbles over a new unbroken track, unmindful of the brightest objects by which he might trace his road to those distinctions after which natural desire so ardently toils. their ancestors by emblems the most unfading their min's can devise or their powers execute.

Such is our constitution that the strongest appeals to our better feelings is through the medium of our grosser faculties. Thus Monuments are lasting incentives to those who view them, to imitate the virtues they commemorate, and attain, by their life and spirit, Glory and Honour. Nations share in the common sympathies of nature, and participate in all the honours heaped upon their mighty dead. In loosing upon this Monument, (raised chiefly by the munificence of a patriotic individual,) the citizens of these States will remember that they are brothers They will remember that here lie the ashes of the Mother of the "Father of his Country." They will acknowledge, too, this just tribute to the merits of her, who, early deprived of the support of her consort, encouraged and fostered, by precept and example, the dawning virtues of her illustrious son, and nurtured unto maturity those noble faculties which were the ornament and glory of her waning years. They will acknowledge the hallowed character of this romantic spot, ever to be remembered as the place chosen for her private devotions-the spot to which she often led her offspring, and, pointing to the order and beauty of works of Nature, here so eminently displayed, she guided their youthful minds to contemplate the power and benevolence of the great author of their being. Here she taught the attri butes of God-that to him, as their Creator, all praise belonged—that to glorify him was the object of their creation, and to this end their every energy should be devoted. Here she asked, as a dying request, that her mortal remains might rest. Hallowed be this wish---sacred this spot---lasting as time this monument. Let us cherish the remembrance of this hour Let us carry with us hence, engraved on our hearts, the memory of her who is here interred. Her fortitude---her piety--her every grace of life---her sweet peace in Death--through her sure hope of a blessed Immortality.

To which the President replied as follows:

Sir .-- To you, and to your colleagues of the Monumental Committee, I return my acknowledgments for the kind sentiments you have expressed towards me, and for the flattering terms in which they have been conveyed. I cannot but feel that I am indebted to your partiality, and not to any services of my own, course of a life now drawing towards its close, I have men as far beyond my merits as my expectations.

to assist in an interesting ceremony. More than a of respect is about to be paid, entered upon the active m. scenes of life. A century fertile in wonderful events. and in distinguished men who have participated in them. Of these events, our country has furnished her whose memory and example will furnish themes of tracted too much attention, shall have been extinguiened in darkness.

In the grave before us lie the remains of his mother. ton to guide us in averting the danger. ong has it been unmarked by any monumental tab let, but not unhonored. You have undertaken the I now deposit this plate in the spot destined for it-

xneedrated by the practice of all ages and nations, ingtop.

They are tributes of respect to the dead, but they convey practical lessons of virtue and wisdom to the living. The mother and son are beyond the reach of human applause. But the bright example of Three dollars per annum-payable in advance. parental and filial excellence which their conduct furnishes, cannot but produce the most salutary effects upon our countrymen. Let their example be before us, from the first lesson which is taught the child, till the mother's duties yield to the course of

colors this most estimable woman. Tradition says, vicinity. The street is on a slight declivity, on the like a quack doctor." Fredericksburg on the 6th instant. The following is that the character of Washington was aided and strengthened, if not formed, by the care and precepts of his mother. She was remarkable for the vigor of two bakers, and one apothecary. On the right hand, of the village—I rather suspect that he is an Irish for- finish, and a bolder effect. Then they read together; her intellect and the firmness of her resolution. Left as you go south, is that very excellent inn, the Blue tune-hunter, come for the express purpose of running and as they looked with a smile into each others in early life, the sole parent of a young and numerous Boar; and on the left, nearly opposite, is the public away with some of us. We ought to be upon our countenances, the fascinating pages of fiction seemed family, she devoted herself with exemplary fidelity to hall, in which all sorts of meetings are held, and guard, I assure you. the task of guiding and educating them. With limit- which is alternately converted into a dancing school. ed resources she was able, by care and economy, to a theatre, a chapel, a ball room, an auction room, an mount of seventy pounds per annum, and so no side the parlour fire; Mrs. Sommers, with her work States at the laying of the Corner Stone of provide for them, and to ensure them a respectable exhibition room, or any kind of room that may be doubt, concluded that she was herself the leading table beside her, and a benevolent smile and matron entrance upon the duties of life. A firm believer in the sacred truths of religion, she taught its principles In the name of the Monumental Committee, I pre- to her children and incalculated an early obedience sent you, General, the plate which is intended to dis- to its injunctions. It is said by those who knew her tinguish that stone just adjusted by the Master of the intimately that she acquired and maintained a won-Lodge as the corner stone of this pile. I am happy, derful ascendency over those around her. This true sir, that he who has defended his country's rights characteristic of genius attended her through life, and when perilled in the cause of freedom, her cities when even in its decline, after her son had led his country tion. the haughty foe confident of success pressed eagerly to independence, and had been called to preside over to seize their Beauty and Booty, has bled for her. her councils, he approached her with the same reverrisked life, fortune and honor in her cause, is here to ence she taught him to exhibit in early youth. This add to the honours of this occasion. Who so meet to course of maternal discipline, no doubt restrained the him a small portmanteau, and the mail drove on. and to the honours of this occasion. Who so in the half drove on.—

son of that Mother. Let the occasion, General, and ered of her principles and conduct, it is impossible to the circumstances excuse this, while we turn to re- avoid the conviction that these were closely interwo- Gilbert next proceeded to rouse the slumbering fire. mark more immediately on the subject of our present | ven with the destiny of her son. The great points of remarking, with a sort of comfortable look and tone. mark more immediately on the subject of the subject of the world. He who runs that it was a cold, raw night. His guest assented Sommers, and appeared to rest where it fell with morrow or next day. We shall be so glad to see him! the Earth, we see Monuments have in every age and may read them in his whole career, as a citizen, a every clime marked those spots distinguished by the soldier, a magistrate. He possessed an unerring judghappening of some great event, or risen, as memo- ment, if that term can be applied to human nature; rials of the once active virtues of departed worth. great probity of purpose, high moral principles, per-Frid man is ever apt to forget the past and seek new fect self-possession, untiring application, an inquiring Cherryripe did not like the term 'village.')

"And She was the only child of a widowed mother. Her "Indeed!" said the stranger, almost starting; "you hope of pleasure in the future. He seldom learns mind, seeking information from every quarter, and a prettier little place is not to be found in England." father had died many a year ago in battle; and the must have loved him very much, and very constant arriving at its conclusions with a full knowledge of the subject; and he added to these, an inflexibility of of the great roads, I believe you have the reputation had left them. But nature had bestowed riches of a resolution which nothing could change but a convic- of being a primitive and unsophisticated race." tion of error. Look back at the life and conduct of his mother, and at her domestic government, as they Why, as to that, I cannot exactly speak; but if there shall not attempt it. She was one of those whose vir-Hence enlightened posterity canonize the same of have been this day delineated by the chairman of the is no harm in it, I dare say we are. But you see, tues are hid from the blaze of the world, only to be the I also must love, Miss Sommers. But your cousin I monumental committee, and they were known to her cotemporaries and have been described by them, and they will be found admirably adapted to form and levelope the elements of such a character. The power of greatness was there, but had it not been guided and directed by maternal solicitude and judgment, its possessor, instead of presenting to the world examples of virtue, patriotism and wisdom, which will be pre- room. cious in all succeeding ages, might have added to the number of those master spirits, whose fame rests upon the faculties they have abused, and the injuries they have committed.

How important to the females of our country are these reminiscences of the early life of Washington. and of the maternal care of her upon whom its future course depended. Principles, less firm and just, and affection, less regulated by discretion, might have changed the character of the son, and with it the destinies of the nation. We have reason to be proud of the virtue and intelligence of our females. As mothers and sisters, and wives and daughters, their duties are performed with exemplary fidelity. They no doubt realize the great importance of the maternal character and the powerful influence it must exert upon the American youth. Happy isit for them and our country that they have before them this illustrious example of maternal devotion and this bright reward of filial success. The mother of a family who lives to witness the virtues of her children and their advancement in life, and who is known and honored because they are known and honored, should have no other wish, on this side the grave to gratify. The seeds of virtue and of vice are early sown, and we may often anticipate the harvest that will be gather ed. Changes no doubt occur, but let no one place his hope upon these. Impressions made in infancy, f not indefible, are effaced with difficulty and renewed with facility: and upon the mother therefore must

frequently, if not generally depend the fate of her son. Fellow citizens-This district of country gave birth to Washington. The ancient Commonwealth, within whose borders we are assembled from every portion of this happy and flourishing Union, renowned as she is for her institutions, for her devotion to the cause of freedom and for her services and sacrifices to promote it, and for the eminent men she has sent forth to aid our country with heart and hand, in peace and war, presents a claim still stronger than these upon the gratitude of her sister States in the birth and life of Washington. Most of you, my friends, must speak of him from report. It is to me a source of high gratification that I can speak of him from personal knowfor the warm hearted reception you have given me. ledge and observation Called by the partiality of On this occasion, as well as on many others, in the my countrymen to the high station once so ably filled by him, and feeling, that in all but a desire to serve you, I am imworthy to occupy his seat; but sensible found the confidence and attachment of my country- that to this position I owe the honor of an invitation to unite with you in this work of affection and grati-We are assembled, fellow-citizens, to witness and tude, I am unwilling the opportunity should pass away without bearing my testimony to his virtues and services. I do this in justice to my own feelings, betentury has passed away, since she, to whom this tribute ing well aware that his fame needs no feeble aid from

first in peace, and first in the hearts of his country- live only in the pages of history. I witnessed the tional vanity-- that if not the first, he was in the very which he inspired when probably the stability of our front rank of those, too few indeed, upon whose ca- institutions depended upon his personal influence. reer manking can look back without regret, and Many years have passed over me since, but they have increased instead of diminished my reverence for his eulogy for the patriot, wherever free institutions are Farewell Address, that powerful and affecting appeal character, and my confidence in his principles. His honored and maintained. His was no false glory, to his countrymen, that manual of wisdom for the driving its lustre from the glare of splendid and de- American citizen, embodies his sentiments and feelstructive actions, commencing in professions of attach- ings. May HE who holds in his hands the fate of nations impress us all with the conviction of its truth tion of her freedom. Far different is the radience and importance, and teach us to regard its lessons as which surrounds his name and fame. It shines the precious legacy he has bequeathed us. And mildly and equally, and guides the philanthropist if, in the instability of human affairs, our beloved and citizen in the path of day-and it will guide country should ever be exposed to the disasters which them long after those false lights, which have at- have overwhelmed the other Republics that have preceded us in the world, may Providence, when it suffers the hour of trial to come, raise up a Washing-

Fellow citizens-at your request, and in your name plous luty of erecting a column to her memory and and when the American pilgrim shall, in after ages, of inscribing upon it the simple, but affecting words, come up to this high and holy place, and lay his hand

THE STRANGER. A TALE FOUNDED ON FACT. By Henry G. Bell.

"In nobil sangue vita umile e queta, Ed in alto intelletto un puro core; Frutto senile in sul giovenil flore, E in aspetto penso so anima lieta."

Hodnet is a village in Shropshire. Like all other preparation and action, which nature prescribes for villages in Shropshire, or any where else, it consists ter, "I wonder who would dance with him? a being mistress of her instrument, possessed naturally a fine principally of one long street, with a good number whom we know no more about than we do of the man voice. Neither did she sing or play unrewarded-The address which we have heard, portrays in just of detached houses scattered here and there in its in the moon, Papa says he looks for all the world Burleigh taught her the most enchanting of all mo sunny side of what in England they call a hill. It "I rather expect," soid Miss Bluebite, a starch spincontains the shops of three butchers, five grocers, ster of fifty, who was considered the Medame de Stael showed her how to give to her landscapes a richer wanted. The church is a little farther off, and the object of the adventurer's machinations. Had it grace upon her still pleasing countenance; her gues', parsonage is, as usual, a white house, surrounded been so, he must have been a bold adventurer in with the glow of animation lighting up his noble feawith trees at one end of the village. Hodnet is, moreover, the market town of the shire, and stands in rather a populous district; so that, though of small dimensions itself, it is the rallying place, on any extraordinary occasion, of a pretty numerous popula- not idle; he was observing attentively every group- ity. These were evenings of calm, but deep har-

One evening in February, the mail from London stopped at the Blue Boar, and a gentleman wrapped in a travelling cloak came out. The guard handed Who so fit to seal the stone which crowns the corner him that power of self-command, which was one of lour, and desired that the landlord and a bottle of Cherryripe himself was the person who set it there, these expectations were, it is difficult to conceive. with a nod.

he, inquiringly.

"Yes, sir, this is the town of Hodnet." (Mr. "So I have heard; and as you are not upon any

about these matters.

with you for some weeks, perhaps months In the rarely heard beyond the limits of their own immemean time get me something comfortable for diate circle. But mingle with that circle; leave the supper, and desire your wife to look after my bed- busy world behind you, and enter within its circum-

Mr. Cherryripe made one of his profoundest bows cover the value of a being like to her of whom I speak. and descended to the kitchen, inspired with the deepest respect for his unexpected guest.

Next day was Sunday. The bells of the village church had just finished ringing when the stranger walked up the aisle, and entered as at random, a pew which hapened to be vacant. Instantly every eve was turned towards him, for a new face was to important an object in Hodnet to be left unoti-

"Who is he?"

"When did he come?"

"With whom does he stay?" " How long will he he here ?"

"How old may he be ?"

"Do you think he is handsome?" vour attention, and commanded your admiration .- smile curled on his lip, and without answering, he without being keen, was intense-all, taken together- away in search of Miss Wilhelmina Bouncer. produced an effect which might have excited attention on a wider stage than that of Hodnet. In stature he was considerably above the middle height' ed out with the tea, and swallowed with the toast.

men. It was one of the most important events that with them. We make no doubt that all this chitand from night to morning. Fiddles were scraped spoken of. men," we may say, without the imputation of na- public conduct and the private virtues of Washing- village were elevated on a table at one end of the was very imprudent. ton, and I saw and participated in the confidence hall, and every body pronounced it the very model snuffed. The floor was admirably chalked by a travelling sign-painter, engaged for the purpose; and ty! It was very-very strange." the refreshments in an adjoining room, consisting of negus apples, oranges, cold roast-beef, porter, and biscuits, were under the immediate superintendence of our very excellent friend Mr. Gilbert Cherryripe, At nine o'clock, which was considered a fashionable hour, the hall was nearly full, and the first country dance (quarrels had not poisoned the peace, and stirred up all the bad passions, of Hodnet) was commenced by the eldest son and presumptive heir of old Squire Thoroughbread, who conducted gacefully through its mazes the chosen divinity of his heart. Miss Wilhelmina Bouncer, only daughter of Tobias

tured with awe. "Who can he be?" was the question that instan- ring and esteeming him.

taneously started up like a crocus in many a throbbing

"He knows nobody, and nobody knows him: surely he will never think of asking any body to now spent his time almost continually in her society, dance."

dancers in a corner by himself, and people were al- tention, smiling and weeping by turns, as the powmost beginning to forget his presence. But he was crful master touched the different chords of sensibiland every individual, that passed before him. Judg- piness---long, long to be remembered. ing by the various expressions that came over his | Spring flew rapidly on. March, with her winds countenance, one would have thought that he could and her clouds, passed away; April, with her showread character at a single glance—that his percepters and her sunshine, lingered no longer; and May tions were similar to intuitions. Truth obliges me came smiling up the blue sky, scattering her roses to confess, that it was not with a very favorable eye over the green surface of creation. The stranger that he regarded the greater majority of the inhabi- entered one evening, before sunset, the little garden wine should be sent to him. The order was speedily tants of Hodnet and its neighborhood. Probably that surrounded Violet Cottage. Emily saw him In tracing the few recollections, which can be gath- obeyed; the wine wasset upon the table, and Gilbert they did not come up to his expectations; but what from the window, and came out to meet him .-- She

> At length, however, a change seemed to come over the spirit of his dreams. His eye fell on Emily has returned from France, and he is to be with us tono small degree of pleasure. No wonder; Emily You have often heard us talk of Henry? he and] "You call this village Hodnet, do you not?" said was not what is generally styled beautiful; but there were playmates when we were children, and though was a sweetness, a modesty, a gentleness about her, it is a long while since we parted, I am sure I should that charmed the more the longer it was observed .- | know him again among a hundred." pension of an officer's widow was all the fortune he ly too." "Privitive and sofisticated, did you say, sir? | nie!. I wish I could describe Emily Summers; but I too," Emily added. She was one of those who were seldom missed in the morrow." "So much the better," said the stranger, smiling, hour of festive gaiety, who pass unobserved in the scribed and domestic sphere, and then you will dis ning walk, is destitute of pleasure. Her winning you more?" smiles, her unclouded temper, her affectionate gentleness, must throw their hallowed influence over the again?" scenes where her spirit presides, unconscious of its power, else they become uninteresting and desolate. no more, she leaves

"A void and silent place in some sweet home," and a "long-remembered grief" throws its shadowy

gloom, over a few fond hearts, It was to Emily Sommers that the stranger first spoke. He walked right across the room, and asked These and a thousand more questions flew about in her to dance with him. Emily had never seen him whispers from tongue to tongue, whilst the uncon- before; but concluding that he had come there with scious object of a I this interest cast his eyes calmly, some of her friends, and little acquainted with the and vet penetratingly, over the congregation. Nor rules of etiquette, she immediately, with a frank artwas it altogether to be wondered that his appearance lessness, smiled an acceptance of his request. Just had caused a sensation among the good people of at that moment young Squire Thoroughbread came Hodnet, for he was not the kind of person whom one bustling towards her; but observing her hand already meets with every day. There was something both in that of the stranger, he looked somewhat at the in his face and figure that distinguished him from the unknown, and said with much dignity, "I, sir, incrowd. You could not look upon him once, and then tended to have been Miss Sommers's partner." The turn away with indifference. His features arrested stranger fixed his dark eye upon the squire, a slight His high Roman nose, his noble bold brow, his al- passed on with his partner, and took his place in the most feminine lips, and beautifully regular teeth- dance. The squire stood stock still for a moment, his pale but not delicate cheek, his profession of black feeling as if he had just experienced a slight shock and curling hair, his black bright eyes, whose glance, of electricity. When he recovered, he walked quietly

It was the custom in Hodnet for the gentlemen to employ the morning of the succeeding day in paying their respects to the ladies with whom they had danced and there was a something in his air which they who on the previous evening. At these visits all the rewere not accustomed to it did not understand, and markable events of the ball were of course talked over. which some called grace, others dignity, and others Criticisms were made upon the different dresses; hauteur. When the service was over, our hero commentaries were offered on the various modes of walked out alone, and shut himself up for the rest of dancing; doubts were suggested regarding the beauthe day in his parlour at the Blue Boar. But specu ty of Miss A.; suspicions were hinted as to the genlation was busily at work, and at more than one tea- tility of Miss B.; Mr. C. was severely blamed 'or table that evening in Hodnet, conjectures were pour- dancing thrice with Miss D.; mutual inquiries were made concerning the odd, looking man, who in-A few days elapsed, and the stranger was almost troduced himseff so boldly to Mrs. and Miss Sommers forgotten; for there was to be a subscription assembly and who was reported even to have seen them n Hodnet, which engrossed entirely the minds of home, or at least to have left the assembly along had happened for at least a century. Such doings chat was very interesting to the parties engaged in had never been known before. There was never it; but as we have not the talents either of a Richsuch a demand for milliners since the days of Ariad- ardson or a Boswell, we shall not attempt to enter inne, the first milliner of whom history speaks. Need- to its details, especially as our attention is more parless worked unremittingly from morning to night, ticularly devoted to the "odd-looking man," already

The living witnesses of his public and private life on in private, and steps danced before looking glas- It is most true that he did leave the public hall of will soon follow him to the tomb. Already a second ses .- All the preparations which Captain Parry made Hodnet with Mrs. and Miss Sommers, and true that and a third generation are upon the theatre of action, for going to the Northern Pole were a mere joke to he escorted them home. Nay, it is also true that he the preparations made by those who intended to go to won so much upon their favour, that, on his requesting rustling in heaps from the path below. The last refull share; and of these distinguished men, she had of the interesting period between it and the firm esproduced a Washington. If he was "first in war, tablishment of the present Constitution, must ere long portant night arrived, "big with the fate of many a out much difficulty obtained. This was surely very, rustic belle. The three professional fiddlers of the imprudent in Mrs. Summers, and every body says it

"What! admit as a visitor in her family a person of an orchestra. The candles (neither the oil nor whom she had never saw in her life before, and who, the coal gass company had as yet penetrated so far as for any thing she knew, might be a swindler or a Jew! Hodnet) were tastefully arranged, and regularly There never was anything so preposterous: a woman, too, of Mrs. Sommers's judgment and proprie- burst upon the earth. Storms went careering through

the stranger soon spent most of his time at Violet stranger came not. Then the lustre of Emily's eye Cottage; and what is perhaps, no less wonderful, grew dim; but yet she smiled, and looked as it she notw thstanding his apparent intimacy, he remained would have made herself believe that there was hope nearly as much a stranger to its imates as ever. His name they had ascertained was Burleigh-Frederick at the Blue Boar; a gentleman wrapped in a travel Burleigh; that he was probably upwards of eight-and- ing cloak, once more came out of it; and Mr. Gilbert twenty, and that, if he had ever belonged to any pro- Cherryripe once more poked the fire for him in his fession, it must have been that of arms. But farther best parlour. Burleigh did come back they knew not. Mrs. Sommers, however, who, to a well-cultivated mind, added a considerable experience of the world, did not take long to discover that was still another trial to be made. Would she mar-Bouncer, Esq. justice of peace in the county of Shrop-their new friend was, in every sense of the word, a ry him? shire. Enjoyment was at its height, and the three pro- name and rank of a gentleman; and she thought, too, fessional fiddlers had put a spirit of life into all things, that she saw in him after a short intercourse, many not wealth we seek, I have an independence, at least when suddenly one might perceive that the merri- of those nobler qualities which raise the individual equal I should hope to our wishes; but any thing elec "MARY, THE MOTHER OF WASHINGTON." No eulogy upon this sacred column, may be recall the virtues of ment was for a moment checked, whilst a more than to a high and well-merited rank among his species. Which you may think mysterious about me, I cannot to a high and well-merited rank among his species. american.

The stranger had to a high and well-merited rain among the species, unravel until you are indissolubly mine."

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The stranger had the properties of the heart of every the species are the species and the properties are the species are the spe purified and his piety strengthened, while he invokes entered it; and there was something so different in knew why; yet when she endeavored to discover It was a point of no slight difficulty; Emily intrust.

Her mother These memorials of affection and gratitude are blessings upon the memory of the Mother of Wash- his looks and manner from those of any of the other the cause, she found it no difficult matter to convince ed its decision entirely to her mother. Her mother the cause, she found it no difficult matter to convince ed its decision entirely to her mother. male creatures, that every body surveyed him with horself, that there was something shout him so inf. saw that the stranger was inflexible in his purpose

renewed curiosity, which was at first slightly tinc- nitely superior to all the men she had ever seen, that she was only obeying the dictates of reason in admi-

Her admiration and esteem continued to increase in proportion as she became better acquainted with him, and these sentiments seemed to be mutual. He and it never hung heavy on their hands. The strain-"Dance!" said Miss Coffin, the apothecary's daugh- ger was fond of music, and Emily, besides being dern languages-the language of Petrarch and Tasso, and being well versed in the use of the pencil. to acquire tentiold interest. It was a picture for Ru-Miss Blubite was said to have property to the a- bens to have painted, that little domestic circle betures, reading aloud the impassioned effusions of ge For a long time the stranger stood aloof from the nius-and Emily, in all the breathlessness of fixed at-

held in her hand an open letter.

"It is from my cousin!" said she. "His regimen.

"O yes! I loved him as a brother." Burleigh more valuable kind than those which fortune had de- breathed more easily. "I am sure you will love him

"Every body whom you love, and who loves you. sir, I am a vintner, and don't trouble my head much more appreciated by those who can understand them. shall not at present sec. I must leave Hodnet to

"To-morrow! leave Hodnet to-morrow!" Emily "You and I shall become better friends. I may stay midst of glare and bustle, and whose name are but grew very pale, and leant for support upon a sundials near which they were standing.

"Good heavens! that emotion-can it be possible" -Miss Sommers-Emily-is it for me you are thus

"It is so sudden," said Emily, "so unexpected ;--Without her, the winter fireside, or the summer eve- are you never to return again-are we never to see

"Do you wish me to return, do you wish to see me

"Oh how can you ask it?"

"Emily, I have been known to you only under a have said that she is not missed in the hour of fes- cloud of mystery-a solitary being without a friend tive gaiety; but when she is at length removed from or acquaintance in the world-an outcast apparently umong us, when the place that knew her knows her from society-either sinned against or sinning-with out fortune, without pretensions; - and with all these disadvantages to contend with, how can I suppose that I am indebted to any thing but your pity for the kindness you have shown to me?"

"Pity! pity you! O Frederick! do not wrong yourself thus. No! though you were a thousand times less worthy than I know you are, I should not pity.

She stopped confused, a deep blush spread over her face; she burst into tears, and would have sunk to the ground had not her lover caught her in his

"Think of me thus," he whispered, "till we meet again, and we may both be happy." "O! I will think of thee thus forever!" They hat!

reached the door of the cottage. "God bless you! Emily," said the stranger. "I dare not see Mrs. Sommers; tell her of my departure; but tell her, that ere autumn has faded into winter, I shall again be here. Farewell, dearest, farewell!"

She felt upon her cheek a hot and hurried kiss, and when she ventured to look round, he was gone!

Henry arrived next day, but there was a gloom upon the spirits of both mother and daughter, which t took some time to dispel. Mrs. Sommers felt for Emily more than for herself. She now perceived that her child's future happiness depended more upon the honour of the stranger than she had hitherto, been aware, and she trembled to think of the probab. ity that, in the busy world, he might soon forget the very existence of such a place as Hoduct, or any qu' its inhabitants. Emily entertained better hopes; but they were the result probably of the sanguine and unsuspicious temperament of youth. Her cousin. meanwhile, exerted himself to the utmost to render himself agreeable. He was a young, frank, hand some soldier, who had leapt into the very middle of many a lady's heart--coat, sword, epaulette, belt. cocked hat, feathers and all. But he was not destined to leap into Emily's. She had enclosed it with tostrong a line of circumvallation. After a three month's sieg, it was pronounced impregnable. So Henry who really loved his cousin next to his country, think ing it folly to endanger his peace, and waste his time any longer, called for his horse one morning, shook Emily warmly by the hand, then mounted, "and rode

Autumn came, the leaves grew red, brown, vellow and purple; then dropped from the high branches. ses withered. The last lingering wain conveyed from the fields their golden treasure. The days were bright, clear, calm, and chill; the nights were full of stars and dew, and the dew, ere morning, was changed into silver hoar-frost. The robin hopped across the garden walks; and candles were set upon the table before the tea-urn. But the stranger came not Darker days and longer nights succeeded. Winter the firmament; the forests were stripped of their foil-But whether it was strange or not, the fact is, that age, and the fields had lost their verdue. But still the

And so there was; for the mail once more stopped

I shall not describe their meeting, nor inquire whefu-

"My family," said he, "is respectable, and as it is